

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on March 22, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 604, 3/22/2017
Executive Action: HB 585

00:00:53 Chair Zolnikov relinquishes the Chair to Rep. O'Hara
00:01:00 Vice Chair Hayman & Vice Chair Skees join meeting

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:14 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 604, Generally revise public safety communication laws.

[EXHIBIT\(feh59a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:15 Carrie O'Connell, Gallatin County 911

00:12:55 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo) & Montana League of Cities Towns (MLCT)

00:15:30 Rich McLane, Bozeman Police Department (MPD)

[EXHIBIT\(feh59a02\)](#)

00:19:36 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers

00:20:47 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriff Peace Officers Association

00:21:31 Geoff Fiess, Telecommunications Association

00:25:59 Tom Butler, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

[EXHIBIT\(feh59a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh59a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:28:23 Linda Stoll, Missoula County

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:30 Rep. McConnell

00:31:43 Rep. Harris

00:32:10 Tom Butler, MHP

00:33:13 Rep. McConnell

00:34:15 Rep. Harris

00:35:02 Tom Butler, MHP

00:35:36 Rep. McConnell

00:36:37 Rep. Harris

00:37:13 Rep. McConnell

00:37:59 Rep. Harris

00:38:29 Geoff Fiess, Telecommunications Association

00:40:24 Rep. Olsen

00:40:48 Rep. Bishop joins meeting

00:41:13 Tom Butler, MHP

00:42:43 Rep. Olsen

00:43:01 Tom Butler, MHP

00:43:50 Rep. Olsen

00:44:26 Rep. Harris

00:45:09 Rep. Olsen

00:45:48 Rep. Harris

00:46:50 Vice Chair Hayman
 00:47:27 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
 00:48:49 Vice Chair Hayman
 00:49:21 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:49:32 Vice Chair Hayman
 00:49:38 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:49:59 Vice Chair Hayman
 00:50:52 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:51:31 Vice Chair Skees
 00:52:05 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:52:50 Rep Olsen
 00:54:15 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:55:20 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 00:56:03 Rep. Redfield joins meeting
 00:56:49 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:57:22 Rep. Stewart- Peregoy
 00:58:35 Tom Butler, MHP
 00:59:20 Rep. A. Hertz
 01:00:14 Tom Butler, MHP
 01:01:52 Rep. Custer
 01:02:54 Tom Butler, MHP

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:30 Rep. Harris
 01:05:07 Chair Zolnikov resumes Chair
 01:06:05 Recess
 01:15:25 Reconvened with Rep. C. Knudsen & Rep. Olsen absent

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 585

01:15:32 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 585 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:15:41 Rep. Bishop
 01:19:14 Vice Chair Skees
 01:21:23 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
 01:24:40 Rep. Redfield
 01:25:15 Rep. McConnell
 01:26:34 Vice Chair Hayman
 01:27:48 Rep. Hertz
 01:29:04 Chair Zolnikov
 01:31:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Perry and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen, Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.
 01:32:28 Chair Zolnikov
 01:33:02 Vice Chair Skees

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:33:44

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh59aad.pdf](#))